

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 804

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stephanie S. Walker on her being named the Special Education Supervisor of the Year for East Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding individuals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie S. Walker is one such estimable person, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker was recently named the Special Education Supervisor of the Year for East Tennessee by the Tennessee Association for Administrators in Special Education, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, established in 2008, this prestigious award honors special education supervisors who consistently display instructional leadership, organizational management, exemplary communication skills and interpersonal relations, professional growth, and commitment to their mission; and

WHEREAS, given that Stephanie Walker was judged the finest of an elite group of managers, there can be little doubt that she is a leader of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, possessing an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Ms. Walker graduated from Harriman High School and holds a Bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University, a Master's degree from the University of Tennessee, and an Education Specialist degree from Tennessee Technological University and is currently working toward a Doctorate at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and accomplished professional, Ms. Walker has been an employee of the Roane County Schools for thirty-four years, serving as the school system's Special Education Supervisor for the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, always open to creative ideas and encouraging her staff to develop and implement the best practices, Stephanie Walker has earned the respect and admiration of everyone in her department through her meritorious service and dedication to excellence while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and willingness to try new and innovative methods; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Walker truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and staff alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Walker is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Frank; her two sons, Justin and Josh; her daughter-in-law, Kristie; and her new grandson, Will; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Walker truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Stephanie S. Walker on being chosen as the Special Education Supervisor of the Year for East Tennessee, commend her exceptional service to the children of Roane County Schools, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.